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1. In early August 1953, the East German inland fleet, including private and nationalized vessels, totaled 2,181 scows with 834,700 tdw; 279 self-propelled barges with 43,300 tdw and 468 tugboats with 73,400 hp. This included 140 scows and self-propelled barges with 50,000 tdw and 15 tugboats with 1,300 hp which were unserviceable, and 198 scows with 89,100 tdw, 20 self-propelled barges with 4,000 tdw, and 140 tugboats with 26,100 hp, which were under repair or undergoing general overhaul. A total of 185 scows with 55,000 tdw, 50 self-propelled barges with 5,000 tdw, and 75 towboats with 7,000 hp, had fled to West Germany or were used as depot or bunkering vessels.
2. Not listed were vessels of the technical fleet composed of hoppers, floating grab cranes, dredges and similar floating material. The percentage of nationalized scows and self-propelled barges was 48 percent and that of towboats was about 55 percent. About fifteen privately owned vessels were returned to their owners in July 1953.
3. About 350,000 tdw of the available fleet were assigned to the Berlin district, while about 200,000 tdw belonged to the Magdeburg district and about 100,000 tdw to the Stralsund district. The Berlin and Magdeburg districts each had tugboats amounting to 40 percent, and the Stralsund district had tugboats amounting to 20 percent.

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